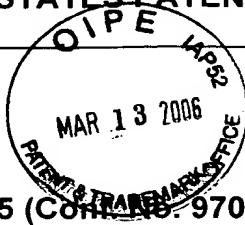


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005, in the above-identified application. A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is forwarded herewith to extend the period for response to March 9, 2006. Reconsideration and reexamination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.